Now I put the motion to the vote of the House.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

The demand was granted.

DEMAND XVII—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 200 under Demand XVII—Public Health and Sanitation. This small amount is intended as the pay of the Entomological Assistant proposed to be entertained in the Public Health Laboratory for two months towards the end of this year. Honourable members know that the Public Health Laboratory was till recently under the charge of an expert Entomologist whose services were lent to this Government by the Government of Bengal. That gentleman, after submitting his report on the investigations he conducted, has severed his connection. The work he started has not been completed and ought to be continued, for which a substitute has to be appointed. Government could have, if they wanted, retained his services for a longer period. But in consideration of the high salary he was drawing, Government decided to terminate his services and revert him to his substantive appointment in Bengal and to appoint a less paid officer in his place to carry on the work that he started. Government have accordingly selected a Zoology M. A. with Honours and have promised to appoint him as Entomological Assistant on condition that he would get himself trained in the Laboratory Technique for three months in the Institute at Kasauli and for a month in Bombay. The training is to be undertaken at his own cost. When he returns, Government will appoint him as Entomological Assistant on a pay of Rs. 100 rising to Rs. 175. The minimum pay is Rs. 100 and he may have to be entertained from the beginning of Edavam. For Edavam and Mithunam he has to be paid Rs. 200. It is for this purpose that the Government have come to the House with this demand of Rs. 200.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is there anybody in charge of this work now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is somebody there who simply keeps things going. He does not do any work. He will not be able to continue the work which Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar started. The laboratory is there and the young man attends to the cleaning of the apparatus and other valuable articles in the institution.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is the new man appointed expected to carry on the work that has been started and finished by Mr. Aiyangar?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar started and finished certain investigations and sent his report to Government. But the Government feel that there are more diseases to be investigated and they want a young Zoology graduate, rather an M. A., to be trained in the work he is expected to carry on and which Mr. Aiyangar left unfinished.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I take it that the Government have already fixed upon the individual and may I know his name?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Mr. G. T. George M. A.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether he is a Travancorean or an outsider?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is a Travancorean.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) May I know whether the young man has any practical experience in Entomology?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. He is a Zoology M. A., and has had practical experience in Entomology also. But he must get some practical training in the methods to be followed in the Public Health Laboratory. That training he would get in the institutes at Kasauli and Bombay.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether this contingency was thought of by Government earlier?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government did not want to retain Mr. Aiyangar's services any longer. There was a persistent demand from this House to send him away, and so they terminated his services and decided to appoint a lesser paid officer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether there were any applications for the post?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was a number of applications.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know the year he passed his M. A.?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I wish to say a few words on the present discussion. The name of a man to be appointed may not always be kept a secret, but it should not be the subject of a great discussion. I remember to have read in the books that, when the name of Lord Cornwallis was mentioned as a successor to Warren Hastings during a heated discussion in Parliament, it was silenced. But this was taken to be a bad precedent. Members are certainly in order if they asked for qualifications of candidates whether one is a Travancorean or a non-Travancorean, whether he has got any training or not. But when names are asked, it will create unnecessary difficulties and complications. Moreover the Chief Secretary said when a question was put to him by a member, that it is only after the grant is made that the appointment will be made. Here is a case where the Government have not fixed its mind. However, it is my desire, and that is I am giving expression to, that personal equation need not count very much.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know who advised the Government to decide that the training required was two months or three months?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Deputy Director of Public Health.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know under whose advice Government decided that a candidate for the post must be a Zoology graduate and may I know whether the present Assistant is not competent for the post?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Deputy Director of Public Health made the recommendation that a Zoology graduate must be got trained for this post. The present Assistant in the laboratory is a Botony graduate and not a Zoology graduate.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertalai I*): Are we to understand that during the time of Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar no attempt was made by Government to train a man for the service under him?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some low-paid subordinates worked under him and gained some experience; but they are not competent to carry out original investigations like Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar. He has not trained anybody to succeed him in that work.

MR. PUTHUPALII S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether Mr. M. O. T. Aiyangar has not done all the important investigations necessary?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He only investigated, I believe, Filaria and Malaria. There are ever so many other diseases caused by insects. There is a good deal of work to be done in respect of such diseases. It is some months since Mr. Aiyangar left Travancore and no work has been done in the laboratory since then. If a man is to be sent for training only after six months, so much time will be wasted unnecessarily. I don't see why we should wait for another six months. It is only a question of providing Rs. 200. Why not allow the young man to go for training immediately?

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertalai I*): May I know whether three months is sufficient for the purpose?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the view of the Deputy Director of Public Health.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether the mosquitoes in Trivandrum are not on the increase?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; they are decreasing.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know why the Chief Secretary said that the demand was emergent because Mr. Aiyangar left the Laboratory?

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The Chief Secretary said that the investigation was complete only on Malaria and Filaria but that with regard to other things more work is to be done.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I take it that the Government have agreed to appoint him if he comes qualified from the Institute within the time and may I know why such an agreement was entered into?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Without such an agreement he will not be anxious to go for training.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether there is not any other application from any other young man who could wait till the budget session to be sent for the training? May I know further why this demand cannot be held over till the next session of the Assembly?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. Already some months have elapsed, and if we are going to wait for another six months so much time more will be lost. Mr. Aiyangar left some months ago and nothing has been done since then. I don't see why we should lose time unnecessarily. After all the demand is only for Rs. 200.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Is there any opposition?

The motion was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XXIV.—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 11,200 under Demand XXIV—Stationery and Printing. This is quite a simple matter. In the budget of 1109, Government provided funds to the extent of Rs. 17,425 for the purchase of 4 printing machines for the Government Press. The provision was made in the budget, the machines were ordered, and it was expected that the machines would arrive before the end of the year so that payment could be made before the year closed. Unfortunately it so happened that, out of the four machines ordered, only one arrived before the close of the year and payment could be made only for that one machine. The other three have arrived since then. It was expected that the machines would arrive before the end of 1109 so that they could be paid for from the allotment for that year and so no provision was made in the budget for the current year. But contrary to our expectations, the machines arrived only this year, and we have to make payment for them. The amount required is Rs. 16,200. But the Superintendent, Government Press, has kindly agreed to forego, from an allotment provided in the budget for the purchase of types and other things, an amount of Rs. 5,000. The additional allotment required therefore is only Rs. 11,200, and I hope that the House will pass this demand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I oppose the demand. The Chief Secretary, when he made the demand, said that it was a simple matter. Evidently he thinks that Rs. 11,200 is a small amount.

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